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...SEPTEMBER HAD NEAR NORMAL TEMPERATURES AND BELOW NORMAL RAINFALL FOR TALLAHASSEE...

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURE FOR SEPTEMBER IN TALLAHASSEE WAS 78.1 DEGREES...0.1 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL. THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE DURING THE MONTH WAS 95 DEGREES ON THE 15TH. THE LOWEST WAS 55 DEGREES ON THE 8TH AND 9TH WHICH ESTABLISHED NEW RECORD LOWS FOR THOSE DAYS. THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 60 DEGREES ON THE 7TH TIED THE PREVIOUS LOW FOR THAT DAY.

RAINFALL AT THE TALLAHASSEE REGIONAL AIRPORT FOR SEPTEMBER MEASURED 4.11 INCHES...0.58 INCHES BELOW NORMAL. THERE WERE 6 DAYS WITH MEASURABLE RAINFALL DURING THE MONTH...3 BELOW NORMAL. THE GREATEST AMOUNT IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD WAS 2.22 INCHES ON THE 4TH THROUGH 5TH. RAINFALL ON THE 4TH WAS 2.15 INCHES WHICH ESTABLISHED A NEW RECORD FOR THAT DAY. THERE WERE 5 DAYS WITH THUNDER REPORTED AT THE AIRPORT WHICH WAS 3 BELOW NORMAL. THE PEAK WIND GUST WAS 46 MPH FROM THE SOUTHWEST ON THE 5TH.

SO FAR IN 2011 EVERY MONTH HAS BEEN DRIER THAN NORMAL FOR TALLAHASSEE. RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST 9 MONTHS OF THE YEAR MEASURED ONLY 27.89 INCHES WHICH WAS 20.71 INCHES BELOW NORMAL. JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER OF 2011 WAS THE 2ND DRIEST 9 MONTH PERIOD TO START A NEW YEAR. THE DRIEST WAS IN 1954 WHEN ONLY 26.19 INCHES WAS RECORDED. THE DRIEST YEAR ON RECORD FOR TALLAHASSEE WAS IN 1954 WITH ONLY 30.98 INCHES OF RAIN. THE CURRENT AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL IS 59.23 INCHES.

THE OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER FROM THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER CALLS FOR AN ENHANCED CHANCE FOR ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES AND EQUAL CHANCES OF EXPERIENCING ABOVE...NORMAL OR BELOW NORMAL PRECIPITATION. THE AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURE FOR OCTOBER IS 69.4 DEGREES AND NORMAL RAINFALL IS 3.23 INCHES.

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